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A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE HEAD VELOCITY INOF A DISK HARD DRIVE DURING RAMP LOAD/UNLOAD

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for controlling the transduer head velocity inof a disk drive during a ramp load or unload procedure.

- 10 More particularly, the present invention provides for the control of the transduer heads using a microprocessor to determine the speed of the heads and, accordingly, to make velocity adjustments.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

- DA hard disk drives include is a device with one or more disks, or platters, on which digital information is stored asin the form of magnetic charges. The disk (or disks) is are mounted on and rotated by a cylindrical spindle rotated by a spindle motor assembly. An actuator assembly includes an actuator arm and Contemporary hard disk drives typically include an actuator, a rotary actuator structure that is powered by a voice coil motor ("VCM"). The ,an actuator arm extendsing from the VCM and supports a slider that includes a read/write head. The head reads from and writes to the disk as the slider flies over the disk on an air cushion. T,he VCM positions the head and a transduer head disposed at the end of the actuator arm. The rotary actuator structure positions one or more slider head assemblies at desired locations relative to the surfaces of the magnetic disk or disks. A hard disk read/write head, which is used to read and